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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2005, please consider the following amendments and the remarks set forth below.